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FOR ANDREWS FROM WILGIS

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DR. LASZLO AKAR, MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR
DOUBLE-TAXATION AGREEMENT, CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED BY INABILITY OF
TREASURY INTERNATIONAL TAX COUNSEL DAVID ROSENBLOOM TO GET TO
BUDAPEST FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS AND INITIALING OF AGREEMENT --
WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR TWO YEARS -- SHOULD BE FINISHED
UP AND INITIALED, LEAVING TIME FOR APPROVAL OF HUNGARIAN TEXTS AND
FORMAL SIGNING IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. RECENT TRAFFIC HAS NOT
GIVEN EMBASSY BASIS TO OFFER AKAR FIRM IDEA OF TREASURY'S
INTENTIONS. STEADY PROGRESS ON AGREEMENT IS IN U.S. AS WELL AS
HUNGARIAN INTEREST AND WE FEAR WE ARE GIVING THE HUNGARIANS A
MISLEADING IMPRESSION OF INDIFFERENCE. HUNGARIAN SIDE IS VERY
HOPEFUL INITIALING CAN TAKE PLACE IN HUNGARY (BOTH TREASURY AND
GOH SEEM CONFIDENT A 2-3 HOUR NEGOTIATING SESSION WOULD PUT FINAL
TOUCHES ON AGREEMENT). REQUEST YOU SEEK TO SET A FIRM DATE FOR
ROSENBLOOM VISIT TO BUDAPEST (PARIS 19581, NOT SENT TO DEPARTMENT,
INDICATED ROSENBLOOM WILL TRAVEL TO EUROPE AGAIN THIS SUMMER),
WORKING AROUND AKAR'S PLANNED JULY 22 - AUGUST 14 ABSENCE ON
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